

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENT

Delete the original title of the parent specification and insert the title:

-- Adjustably Resilient Jamb Protection System --

Insert as the first sentence of the specification:

--This application is a continuation-in-part of United States Application No. 09/769,090, filed January 24, 2001, now United States Patent No. 6, 684,572, issued February 3, 2004, and claims the benefit of United States Provisional Application No. 60/178,006, filed on January 24, 2000, each hereby incorporated by reference herein. --

Insert the following paragraph before paragraph [0005] of the parent application:

--A significant problem with existing jamb protection devices can be that insufficient force is transmitted to the contact surfaces of the jamb protection device to position or maintain position of the jamb protection device on a jamb. As such, certain types of jamb protection devices may slide vertically from the initial position on the jamb or may fall away from the jamb.--

Insert the following paragraph before paragraph [0018] of the parent application:

--A broad object of particular embodiments of the invention can be to generate sufficient resiliency in the body of the jamb protection system so that the jamb protection system transmits sufficient force to jamb surfaces or wall surfaces to be located and maintained at a position relative to the jamb. One aspect of this broad object of the invention can be to provide adjustable resiliency in the body of the jamb protection system which allows the same basic configuration of the jamb protection system to be used to protect jambs of numerous and varied configurations.--

Insert the following paragraphs after paragraph [0039] of the parent application:

-- Figure 11 shows a particular embodiment of the adjustably resilient jamb protection system invention.

Figure 12 shows a top view of a particular embodiment of the adjustably resilient jamb protection system invention.--

Insert the following paragraph before paragraph [0058] of the parent application:

--Now referring primarily to Figures 11 and 12, a preferred embodiment of the jamb protection system can further include an adjustably resilient body (17) which provides in substantially parallel opposition a distance apart, a first compression surface (1) and a second compression surface (2). The first compression surface (1) and the second compression surface (2) travel in response to flexure of the adjustably resilient body (17) so that the first compression surface can be engaged with a first wall surface (3) and the second compression surface (2) can be engaged with a second wall surface (4)(not shown in Figure 11) to protect the wall end or jamb (21).

A non-limiting example of the adjustably resilient body (17) shown by Figures 11 and 12 includes a portion of the body wall (18) which increases in thickness approaching the circumferential mid-point (19) between the first compression surface (1) and the second compression surface (2) (about 180 degrees of rotation about the axis of the body from the axial bisection (20) of the distance between the first compression surface (1) and the second compression surface (2)). Certain embodiments of the adjustably resilient body (17) can comprise a single integral piece which includes the increase in thickness of the body wall (18). While as to other embodiments of the adjustably resilient body (17), the increase in thickness can be accomplished by coupling one or more material layers to the body wall (18).

A further non-limiting example of the adjustably resilient body (17) can have a body wall (18) with a thickness of about 0.060 inch (typically a thickness selected in the range of between about 0.010 inch and about 0.090 inch) proximate to the first compression surface (1) and the second compression surface (2) increasing to about 0.090 inch at about the circumferential mid-point (19)(typically a thickness selected in the range of between about 0.015 and about 0.125); however, thickness at about the circumferential mid-point (19) can vary depending on the body wall thickness proximate to the first compression and second

compression surface and the necessary or desired resiliency (or forces to be generated at contact surfaces between the jamb protection device and the jamb or walls) in the body wall (18) to be achieved.

For most applications of the jamb protection system, the difference in thickness can be selected within a range between about 0.010 inch and about 0.090 inch. The specific increase in body wall thickness selected within the range allows adjustment of resiliency of the body wall (18) as necessary or desired for a particular application. The increase in body wall thickness over the distance to the circumferential mid-point (19) can be a linear rate of increase or can be a variable rate of increase (such as hyperbolic or parabolic functions, as examples) to achieve an amount of body wall (18) resiliency. Additionally, the thickened portion of the body wall (18) can manifest as continuous or discontinuous circumferential bands rather than being a continuous thickening of any longitudinal portion of the body wall (18).

A preferred embodiment of the jamb protection system may have a body wall thickness of about 0.040 inch proximate to the first compression surface (1) and the second compression surface (2) which approximates a linear rate of increase in thickness to the circumferential mid-point between the first and second compression surfaces (1)(2) to establish a body wall (18) thickness at the circumferential mid-point of about 0.050 inch.

Importantly, a body wall of uniform thickness may not generate sufficient resiliency, re-coil, or force between the jamb protection device and the engaged surfaces of the jamb (or other upright or surface which forms the side of an opening as for a door, window, fireplace, or the like) to be positioned initially to protect the jamb or maintain position to protect the jamb.

The jamb protection system may further include compression surfaces (1)(2) which have a first durometer hardness which engages wall surfaces (3)(4) and having a second durometer hardness with respect to the remaining portion of the adjustably resilient body (17). A preferred embodiment of the jamb protection system can provide a co-extrusion of

polyvinylchloride having the first durometer for the compression surfaces (1)(2) which compresses sufficiently to grip wall surfaces (3)(4) while the polyvinylchloride has the second durometer hardness to generate sufficient resiliency in the body (17) portion as described above. --

DRAWING AMENDMENT

The applicant requests entry of new drawing sheets 11-12 attached to this Preliminary Amendment.

The applicant rennumbers original drawing sheets 1-10 to indicate that 12 total drawings are included in the instant application.